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  - d.  the concise explanation set forth in the attached English language abstract,
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5.  A foreign patent office search report citing one or more of the references is enclosed.

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